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**Ch. 7, sec. 1**

**The Nominating Process**

**September 30, 2013**

***Instructions:: Answer the following questions after reading the section in your book. This is due at the end of the hour.***

**1.** What is the critical first step in the election process?

1. Explain the importance of the nominating process in each of the following:
2. a two-party system
3. a one-party constituency

3. What is a general election?

4. List and briefly describe the five ways nominations are made in

the U.S.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

5. Why is the caucus rarely used today except in presidential election?

6. Why did the direct primary replace the convention in most States?

7. Define the following:

a. closed primary

b. open primary

c. blanket primary

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8. Why is the blanket primary no longer in use?

9. List three arguments for, and two against, the closed primary

a. For:

b. Against:

10. What is a runoff primary, and when is it used?

11. What are nonpartisan elections, and how are candidates for these

offices nominated?

**12.** How is the presidential primary different from other primaries?

**13.** What was the original purpose of the direct primary?

**14.** Name seven criticisms of the direct primary:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.